



## *For Experienced Effective Leadership Re-elect Leslie Wolfe, President*

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### *Experienced*

Leslie has effectively represented and advocated for OSSTF Toronto Teacher Members for over 20 years as Executive Officer, Chief Negotiator, Vice President, and President. She has served on the Provincial Executive, attended Provincial Annual Meetings for over 30 years, been a Provincial Councillor for 20 years, and has been liaison to multiple local and provincial committees.

### *Effective*

While Leslie has been President, OSSTF Toronto Members have faced the most difficult and prolonged fight in OSSTF history. Under Leslie's leadership, and while working closely with her Executive colleagues, other leaders and community allies, Leslie ensured that OSSTF Toronto Members took every available opportunity to fight back against cuts to education.

Long before it was happening anywhere else, OSSTF Toronto came together under the EduACTION banner engaging to educate the public about the dangers of potential cuts to education. When the cuts became a reality, the Toronto Membership was already out there, building community support for a strong anti-cuts message.

Over the past two years Leslie led the Executive and Membership as together we:

- Created and maintained a broad coalition of parents and community members who joined our fight-back campaign
- Ensured Labour Council affiliates were informed about the dangers of cuts to education, and were a part of the fight-back
- Worked closely with our OT and PSSP counterparts to ensure that all OSSTF Toronto Members were engaged in the fight
- Developed partnerships with Progress Toronto and the Urban Alliance on Race Relations to extend engagement and influence into the community
- Implemented strike action that worked for all OSSTF Toronto Members, making adjustments along the way based on Member-feedback
- Ensured a daily Strike Bulletin so the Membership was kept informed
- Created and maintained a strong OSSTF Toronto social media presence



### *Leadership*

Leslie understands the tremendous responsibility that comes with being President of OSSTF Toronto:

- Whether in the press, at Provincial OSSTF meetings, at Labour Council, or in the broader community, Leslie is an articulate and fierce advocate for OSSTF Toronto Members and publicly funded education
- Leslie has a proven track record of consulting with Members. She listens closely, then analyzes and synthesizes all available information to ensure OSSTF Toronto is best positioned to protect Members and advocate for publicly funded education
- Leslie is a career-long, vocal advocate for adult educators. She is also a constant presence at TDSB Board meetings and meets regularly with individual TDSB Trustees and provincial politicians to ensure they understand OSSTF's positions

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